A Faithful

RELATION

OF THE

Moſt remarkable Tranſactions which have happened

AT

TANGJER;

Since the *Moors* have lately made their Attacques upon the Forts and Fortifications of that

Famous Garriſon:

LIKEWISE

The Strength and good poſture of Defence it remains now in.

Withan Account of the Trenches, Lines and works they have already drawn in order to their beſieging ſeveral of the ſaid Forts ſtrongly Guarded by the Engliſh; and the advantagious ſucceſs the Engliſh have obtained over thoſe Infidels, in a late Fight between them; burning and demoliſhing their works, beating them out of their Trenches, killing them and purſuing them even to their Camp.

ENgliſh Vallour has ſpread it ſelf into the corners of the yet known World, ſo dread in Arms have Britains Worthies ever been, that the Amazed Earth has often trembled at their prowels, whileſt they have with ſmall numbers made the now haughty Nations bow and yield unto their Conquelt in tears of blood our Anger mourned, and felt our juſt revenge; then can we fear proud *Muley's* threats upon our famous Garriſon well Mann'd? Or fearful *Moors* though ods of numbers preſs? whilſt ſuch brave Heroes, fraught with highproov'd En-

lish Souls so nobly defend their charges against those barbarous Infidels, whose slaughtered Corps so oft hath strewed the neighbouring Plains, in their several but unsuccesful Attempts, yet being obstinate and wilful in their own destruction, will take no warning, but by their frequent Attacks expose themselves as subjects to the English Vallour to whet upon, and thereby to shine more brighter.

But seeing at this time those barbarous Moors besiege that famous english Garrison of *Tangier*, the honour of our Nation, lying and maintaining its bounds and large dependances in *Affrica* with but a handful of Men in compariton, against the populous and powerful Nations that border upon its Territories, I shall give the Reader an impartial Account of most of the noated transactions that have happened there since the beginning of the now Siege. The Moors under the command of the *Alcade* of *Alcasar* their Captain-General, in their last years Assault upon our well-mann'd Forts being shamefully repulsed with great Slaughter as well as loss of Amunition and vast expence, killed in the very breach themselves had made, so lamentable as can be imagined, in the chance of War were forced to retreat in confusion to the Town of *Alcazar*, and being pursued, many of them fled even unto *Morocco*, their chief City; of which shameful defeat, their King or Governour being advertised, sent for the *Alcade* in great wrath, charged him to regain the Reputation he had lost, by drawing up his Forces once more against this famous Garrison of *Tangiers*. Upon which, a Body of about 8000 Men lay hovering about the Walls of *Alcazar*, till Orders were given for their breaking the Ground, in order to which, about the middle of March last they began to draw a Line between the Town and *Charles* and *Henrietta* Forts, and there intrenching a great number of Foot, and some Horse, had set their Pioneers to undermine the said Forts in order to the blowing them up, but the Cannon and small shot playing upon them from all sides, so furiously that they proceeded but very slowly in their Enterprize, many of them being dayly killed as they endeavour to widen their Trenches, and over and above, the Forts being well mann'd and Victualled sufficiently for six Months, in *Charls* Fort are about one hundred and fifty Men, commanded by Captain *St. Johns*, and Captain *Trelawney*, both persons of great Courage and resolution and *Henrietta* Fort against which they bend

bend their greateſt Force, Lieutenant *Wilſon* with about an hundred men furniſhed with all manner of Ammunition for a brave defence, upon this latter Fort, about 5 or 6 hundred *Moors* were commanded to make an Attack, their main Body lying about half a League diſtance, they came on very reſolutely, and brought with them long pieces of Timber, which they placed againſt the Walls of the ſaid Fort, and brought Fagots, Boards and other pieces of Wood to pile upon them, that ſo under the ſhelter of them they might undermine, and blow up the Wall of the ſaid *Henrietta* Fort, which being perceived by the Lieutenant he gave order to ply them with Hand-Granadoes, the which was accordingly put in Execution with great ſucceſs, killing and wounding ſeveral of them, whileſt the great Guns from the other Forts played upon them, and beat in their Works upon them, and did great Execution; yet ſheltered by darkneſs, they all that night continued the Aſſault, but when morning appeared they found the place too hot for them, and that their purpoſe would not take effect, nor force ſtand them in ſtead againſt *Engliſh*-Valour, ſo leaving many dead upon the place they retreated in much confuſion and diſorder, our Cannon and Small ſhot ſtill playing upon them, that for haſte they left all their combuſtible matter behind them, to ſet which on Fire, Lieutenant *Wilſon* cauſed to be let down five men in Ropes, who effected the ſame, and were drawn up again without any hurt or dammage, after the Moors were retired, Lieutenant *Wilſon* to ſhew them how little he feared their force cauſed two Moors Heads to be cut off, and fixing them upon Poles, and placed them publickly upon the Walls in the ſight of the Mooriſh Camp, which all of that Nation hold for the greateſt indignity that can be put upon them, becauſe according to their Mahometan ſuperſtition, they hold that when they die, their Bodies immediately are tranſlated into Paradiſe, but if they are diſmembred, they can in no wiſe enter, ſo blinded are they by that prepoſterous Doctrine, but to our purpoſe, ſince this Attack the Moors have again advanced their Lives, and as it is ſuppoſed recruited, they have drawn a Trench between *Charles*'s Fort and the other part, and made their lines of Communication, yet our Men have made ſeveral Sallies, and done great Execution upon them, filling up ſome of their Trenches, and taking ſome Priſoners; they have of late brought a great number of Boards to cover their works, which are as 'tis ſuppoſed to ſhelter them

them from the excessive heat of the Sun and do proceed with promise to themselves of better success than formerly; but there being about four hundred Soldiers arrived from *Ireland*, this Garrison is in so good a posture of defence that we fear not what the assailants can do against us, besides we expect new Recruits from *England*, and having all Provision Plenty, it is conjectured that after they can no ways prevail, they will quit the Siege and retire as they have often done, and not expose their Lives to hazard upon such impossibilities, by reason there is almost every week several English Men of War and Marchants lying in the Mould which will readily supply us with Men and Arms if occasion require, so that we are able to make a considerable Body of Men, and if the Portugals who first took the piece could maintain it with half the number we have now in Garrison against the Moorish Armies under the Command of their several Kings, then it is not to be feared through the assistance of the Almighty, but we shall as bravely defend it and achieve as great if not greater exploits for the honour of our Country and the far fam'd name of true English Valour.

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